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1. DURING MARCOS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS SEPTEMBER 10, I ASKED SECRETARY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE ENRILE WHEN HE THOUGHT I COULD EXPECT NEGOTIATING PAPER ON MILITARY FACILITIES WHICH PRESIDENT MARCOS HAD PROMISED ME (REF A). ENRILE SAID HE HAD RECEIVED ORIGINAL DRAFT BACK FROM PRESIDENT WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO MAKE CERTAIN REVISIONS. HE HAD BEEN GIVEN A DEADLINE OF SEPTEMBER 21 FOR RETURN OF THE PAPER TO PRESIDENT. AND ASSUMED I WOULD RECEIVE IT SHORTLY AFTER THAT DATE.

2. ENRILE WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED SUBJECT AT LENGTH WITH PRESIDENT AND HAD POINTED OUT SOME OF IMPRACTICAL FEATURES IN "COMMERCIALIZATION" CONCEPT WHICH MELCHOR WAS PUSHING. AS RESULT, HE HAD OBTAINED PRESIDENTIAL CONCURRENCE IN NEGOTIATING PROPOSALS WHICH WOULD ENVISAGE EXCLUSIVE U.S. USE OF ALL FACILITIES WE RETAIN. HE WAS DIRECTING AN INTERAGENCY DRAFTING GROUP WHICH WAS WORKING IN THAT DIRECTION.

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3. COMMENT: IT LOOKS AS THOUGH WE MAY HAVE MADE SOME
PROGRESS IN MITIGATING MELCHOR BY THE ENRILE "GAMBIT".
HOWEVER, WE SHOULD NOT RPT NOT COUNT OUR CHICKENS TOO SOON,
SINCE MELCHOR WILL RETURN TO MANILA PRIOR TO THE SEPT. 21
DEADLINE AND MARCOS IS A GREAT PRACTITIONER OF ACTION
BY CONSENSUS.
SULLIVAN

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